REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application as amended. New claims 44 – 66 have been added. No new matter has been added by the new claims, and support may be found in pages 22 – 25 and figures 15a – 15b of the filed application. Claims 10 – 11 have been canceled. As such, claims 44 – 66 remain pending in this application.

Applicants respectfully enclose herewith a supplemental declaration to provide further factual evidence that prior to the filing date of the present invention, it was not desirable for keys of a foldable keyboard to be maintained in constant or prolonged periods of "shorted" states, because of the problem of key switch deformation.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Suk Lee at (408) 720-8300.

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